

proaching the general his attention was called by that officer to the splinters adhering to the rough material of his overcoat, the bullets passing through the flimsy walls of the church having scattered particles of wood in all directions.

Dr. Voorhies was one of the vanguard of American students who went to Paris to pursue the study of ophthalmology. Mrs. Voorhies and he were received by the Emperor Napoleon and Empress Eugenie, going to the Tuilleries by special invitation, for Napoleon was unusually kind to ex-Confederate officers and their families, knowing well that the fate of Maximilian and the Empire of Mexico depended upon the success of the Confederacy. The military careers of both Dr. Voorhies and his father Col. Voorhies, as well as that of the former's father-in-law, Hon. David J. Bailey, who signed the ordinance of secession, and of his grandfather-in-law, Hon. Seaton Grantland, who gave at one time one hundred thousand dollars to the Confederate cause, were all known to the Emperor. Dr. Voorhies met his future wife in a very romantic manner during Sherman's march through Georgia.

Dr. Voorhies is survived by his widow, one son and four daughters.

#### DR. FRANK LEMUEL ADAMS.

Was there ever a kindlier, bigger-hearted, good-natured soul than Frank Adams? Who that has attended the meetings of the State Society for the last few years, will soon forget his kindly, welcoming smile, his whole-souled friendliness that wrapped him about as with a garment of sincerity. With him, nothing was too much to do for a friend—and who was not his friend? If he had an enemy in the world, that one had never the face to let the fact be known. The story of his good deeds and his open-hearted charity will never be told, for he alone could have told it—and he never did; his right hand never knew what his left hand gave away or to whom it was extended in help. The sunshine of the gods was in his heart and the cleanliness of his life and of his mind was as that of a little child. As some of us trooped wearisomely over to Oakland in the dreadful days of April, 1906, we turned first to Frank Adams; and everything that he had was ours—without the asking. It is a big and a rare man who can give all that he has and make himself trouble and inconvenience in the giving, and still do it in a manner that makes you feel you are doing him a favor. The good Lord alone knows why he makes so few men like Frank Adams.

Dr. Adams was born in Troy, New York, in 1858; he died very suddenly, of heart disease, at his home in Oakland on the night of November 20, 1908. He graduated from the University of California in 1881, and in 1883 was graduated from Cooper Medical College. He held many positions in medical societies, and was President of the State Society, 1904-1905, presiding at the meeting held at Riverside in April, 1905.

#### SUPPORT THE MEDICAL LAW.

The Southern delegation to the legislature met in caucus in Los Angeles early in December and listened to the views of the citizens of the South in regard to proposed legislation. At one of the sessions Drs. Walter Lindley, Jno. King, Granville MacGowan, Fitch Mattison and others, representing all the medical societies of the South, appeared and explained to the delegation the reasons why the law should remain unchanged.

#### JAMES CARROLL.

On November 21, at St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland, a tablet commemorating the life and

services of James Carroll was unveiled. The inscription fittingly and briefly conveys the information of Dr. Carroll's services to this country and to humanity in aiding in the discovery of the mode of transmission of yellow fever. The tablet was erected by the regents of the University of Maryland and closes with the so-true quotation, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

#### SMALLPOX AND THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The State Board of Health has become alarmed at the increase of smallpox in some sections, and at the inertia of certain local prosecutors in not assuring the enforcement of the compulsory vaccination law. We understand that the Board is to take up these cases of lack of enforcement of the law very vigorously. It is certainly to be hoped that school boards can be made to see that the law is enforced or the schools closed.

#### BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

At the recent session of the board in Los Angeles, the members, instead of hiring watchers, did their own watching. It is reported that something over thirty cribs, compends, etc., were taken away from the candidates. The figures for the returns of the examination are not yet in, but we understand that something over fifty per cent failed to pass. Presumably there will be another bunch of discontented ones who will threaten to sue the board for their licenses.

#### CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS.

Sir: Your attention is directed to the following extracts from the Political Code, Statutes of California:

Section 3077—Physicians, midwives, nurses and other persons assisting at a birth shall return a certificate of such birth properly filled out, to the local Registrar WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS THEREAFTER.

Section 3082—Any officer or person who fails, neglects or refuses to perform any of the duties imposed upon him under the law for the registration of births, or by instructions and directions of the State Registrar, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

This is to inform you that on and after November 15, 1908, this department will not accept for registration any certificate not filed within the time limit prescribed by law.

We have been advised by the City Attorney that it would be illegal to do so, and in the event that physicians and midwives fail to perform their duty as set forth in said law, it will be incumbent upon this department to take steps to enforce same by causing the arrest and prosecution of all offenders.

BOARD OF HEALTH,  
R. G. BRODRICK, M. D.,  
Health Officer and Registrar.

Note.—Do not hold certificates back in order to secure the baptismal name of a child. Send in your certificate and instruct parents that it is their duty to notify this office when name is given.

#### COUNTY SOCIETIES MARIN COUNTY.

Resolutions passed at the last regular meeting. Whereas, We believe that the minimum pay of the officers of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service should at least be

equal to that received by the medical officers of the Army and Navy;

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Marin County Medical Society heartily endorses their Personnel Bill which is at present awaiting enactment by the Congress of the United States and hereby requests the California members of Congress to use their best efforts to secure the passage of this bill.

And Be It Further Resolved: That this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting and copies forwarded to the California members of Congress, the California State Medical Journal and the Journal of the American Medical Association.

H. W. DUDLEY,  
Pres. Marin Co. Med. Soc.

J. H. KUSER,  
Sec. Marin Co. Med. Soc.

#### PLACER COUNTY.

The regular meeting of the Placer County Medical Society was held at Auburn, December 5, in the rooms of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Dr. Martin Schnabel, Newcastle; Vice-President, Dr. E. C. Fabre-Rajotte, Lincoln; Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. G. H. Fay, East Auburn.

Applications for membership were received from Dr. Carl P. Jones, Grass Valley, Dr. W. L. Fay, Forest Hill, and Dr. W. N. Finney, Lincoln, and they were all unanimously elected to become members of this Society.

The President appointed a Legislative Committee consisting of Dr. Tickell, Nevada City, Dr. Walsh, Loyalton, and Dr. Woodbridge, Roseville.

A resolution was passed endorsing the manner in which the Journal of the State Society is conducted, and a vote of confidence extended to the Secretary, Dr. Jones.

Dr. Rooney, in a short talk, stated that other incorporated towns and communities in California and elsewhere, might be benefited by the relation of what had been accomplished in Auburn, in the past few years.

This little town had acquired fame as a health resort, before Los Angeles or any other town in Southern California had been heard of outside of its own limits. Then it became infected with the malarial mosquito, and the good name of the town was lost. No one then knew the true cause of the disease, and the place was scourged with the infection, year after year, until its name was more widespread than ever, but in a discreditable sense. The cause was finally discovered, but it took several more years to get the people, or even a majority of the medical profession, awakened to the fact that the mosquito was to blame.

The medical men of the town began, and kept up, the agitation, until laymen of intelligence became interested, and the town authorities, in response to a general demand, took action in the spring of 1906. Swamps were fairly well drained and all pools and stagnant or slowly moving streams, were oiled at intervals during the season.

As a result, malarial diseases were cut down to about one-third or even less, in number. This good work has been continued every season, until, at the present time, these diseases have practically been banished from our midst.

The Auburn physicians, by their unflagging efforts, in the interest of the people, have cut their summer incomes squarely in half—and are glad of it. Let other communities follow our example. Malarial diseases are preventable, and if we harbor them, we are deserving of a bad reputation.

The Society placed itself on record as favoring the establishment of a National Department of Health, and the Secretary was instructed to write to our U. S. Senators and Representatives urging them to support the measure.

The next meeting will be held in Colfax, May 1, 1909, when several interesting papers will be presented.

G. H. FAY, Secretary.

#### RIVERSIDE COUNTY.

The Society has held two regular monthly meetings this fall and has met for post-graduate study every Monday night since October 1. These meetings have been successful in every way and the interest is growing. There seems to be no question as to the permanency of these meetings with the Society.

Monday evening, October 12, the monthly meeting for October, Dr. Shepard of Needles read a paper on the "Intravenous Injections of Tuberculin for Curative Purposes." Dr. Max Rothschild of San Francisco, met with us that evening and opened the discussion of Dr. Shepard's paper. Dr. W. W. Roblee read a paper on "Immunity" continuing the study course.

The Society met as guests of Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Walker and a most enjoyable luncheon was served following the meeting.

Monday evening, November 9, the Society again met for their monthly session as guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Dickson. The subjects outlined in the A. M. A. program were presented by Dr. Carl Sleeper, "Mosquitoes in Malarial Fevers"; Dr. W. B. Sawyer, "Malarial Parasites"; Dr. C. Van Zwalenburg, "Clinical Forms of Malarial Fevers." Following the discussion of these topics, luncheon was served, and the meetings adjourned to December 14, at which time the annual election of officers will take place.

GEORGE E. TUCKER, Secretary.

#### SAN MATEO COUNTY.

The following resolutions were adopted at a regular meeting of the San Mateo County Medical Society, on November 9, 1908:

Whereas, There has been introduced into the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States a bill (S. 6102, H. R. 18794) for the relief of the medical officers of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, which bill has been passed by the Senate but not yet enacted by the House of Representatives; and,

Whereas, The passage of this bill would be a simple act of justice to one hundred and thirty efficient officers who are members of the American Medical Association;

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the San Mateo County Medical Society places itself on record as heartily approving this bill and urges upon the California delegation in Congress the passage of this law; and,

Be It Further Resolved: That this resolution be spread on the minutes of this meeting and copies sent to the California members of Congress, the Journal of the American Medical Association and the California State Medical Journal.

A. MILES TAYLOR, President.  
F. M. SEIBERT, Secretary.

#### SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

The regular monthly meeting of the Sacramento Society was held November 17, 1908, at the residence of Dr. G. L. Simmons. The application of Dr. D. A. Kellogg, formerly of Placerville, but at

present practicing in Sacramento, was received. Dr. A. M. Henderson showed two cases with appendectomy scars, less than an inch long, whom he had allowed up on the third day. Dr. J. White reported a case having a dermoid cyst of both ovaries, and Dr. Jones, one of Henoch's Purpura.

Dr. Turner reported the case of a nine year old boy in which a tubercular gland had suddenly sloughed into the left bronchial tube and acting as a ball valve in the trachea had finally asphyxiated him.

A committee consisting of Drs. McLean, Parkinson, Twitchell, S. E. Simmons and Briggs, was appointed to investigate conditions at the County Hospital.

Dr. Wallace I. Terry of San Francisco, read a very interesting paper on the "Direct Transfusion of Blood," and reported four cases with the favorable results he had obtained, after which the meeting adjourned.

E. C. TURNER, Secretary.

#### SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

The regular Society meeting was held November 18 at the new Santa Clara County Hospital with the following present: Drs. Jordan, Simpson, Whiffen, A. S. J. Smith, Wagner, H. B. Gates, Newell, Blair, W. S. VanDalsem, Wilson, Bangs, Reynolds, Kocher, Hall, Harris, McMahon, D. A. Beattie, Holbrook, Snow, S. B. VanDalsem, Thomas, Moyer, Fraser and Park. The guests of the Society were Drs. Benepe and C. G. Wilson. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The resignation of Dr. Wm. E. Keith was read and accepted. The legislative committee was ordered to take up with our Congressman and Senators the advisability of giving their support to the formation of a National Department of Public Health.

The following resolutions introduced by Dr. Wm. Simpson were adopted:

"It is hereby resolved by the Santa Clara County Medical Society that we favor the passage of the bill at present before Congress, placing the salaries and chances of promotion of the officers of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service on the same basis as those of the medical officers of the Army and Navy, and

"It is further resolved, that the members of this Society pledge themselves to use their best endeavors with the Senators and representatives in this State to the end that this bill may be enacted, and

"It is further resolved, that the Secretary be and is instructed to place this resolution on the minutes of this meeting and forward copies to each member of the California delegation in Congress, the Secretary of the American Medical Association, and the Secretary of the California State Medical Society."

Transfer cards were received from Drs. J. L. Benepe and C. G. Wilson, and they were duly elected as members. Dr. D. A. Beattie presented a paper entitled "Uterine Fibroma," and also brought specimens demonstrating his remarks. The paper was discussed by Drs. Fraser, Hall and McMahon. County physician Dr. Gates brought three patients before the Society, for clinical observation and discussion. After the meeting was over, those present were taken on a tour of inspection over the new hospital buildings and grounds. The hospital staff served a delicious supper to the members and a very pleasant social hour was spent.

K. C. PARK, Secretary.

#### YOLO COUNTY.

The regular annual meeting of the Yolo County Medical Society was held Tuesday evening, Novem-

ber 24th. Dr. Neil D. Gunn of Pacific Grove, spoke to the Society on the subject of tuberculosis, with special attention to its treatment by tuberculin. It was a most excellent lecture and was received with great enthusiasm.

The same officers were re-elected, Dr. T. W. Gallion, President, and F. L. Newton, Secretary-Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

A banquet was served at the close of the meeting, when the Society entertained Dr. N. K. Foster of Sacramento, Rev. Clarence Reed of Alameda, Miss May Dexter, County Superintendent of Schools, and the six high school teachers of Woodland, and upon the advice of the Society, Miss Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, invited Dr. Gunn to speak at the Teachers' Institute, which is now in session, on "Tuberculosis," and Dr. Foster to speak to them on "School Hygiene," on the afternoon of November 25.

F. L. NEWTON, Secretary.

#### "PHENALEIN" OR "PURGEN."

A correspondent kindly sends in a circular he received from the Pax Chemical Co., of Oakland, referring to a wonderful new purgative, the essential ingredient of which is our old friend phenolphthalein. This is the basic drug in "purgin," referred to in these columns some months ago and later exposed by the Journal A. M. A. Its use is by no means without danger. There must be a good many doctors who learn their materia medica from the advertising literature of "manufacturers," or the flood of these things would not be.

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The fortieth semi-annual meeting of this very flourishing society was held at Santa Ana, December 2 and 3. The attendance was large, in spite of the weather which was rainy, and the meeting was in every way a successful one under the presiding hand of Dr. Frank Garcelon, and the executive guidance of Dr. Jos. M. King, the secretary. A number of very excellent papers were read during the sessions of the two days, and the banquet on Thursday night was a distinct success. A strong committee on legislation was appointed and funds for its incidental expenses were appropriated. The society went on record in no uncertain terms as to the desirability of sustaining the present medical law. The next meeting is to be held six months hence at Long Beach, Dr. F. R. Burnham, San Diego, President.

#### HERZSTEIN LECTURES.

This series of lectures, under the auspices of the University of California, was given during the month of December, in the rooms of the Century Club, San Francisco. The lectures were by T. Brailsford Robertson; the subject was The Proteins.

#### ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS WORK.

There are at least two active centers of anti-tuberculosis work in our state, Los Angeles and San Francisco. In the latter city Dr. Evans and Dr. Sherman are having very good success in the line of public meetings and no small portion of their work is given to presenting the case to the various labor unions. In the south, Dr. Mattison and Dr. Kress have held a number of public meetings and several more are programmed. They find the use of lantern slides a very valuable adjunct to the lecture work. In San Francisco the movement has received excellent financial backing and a dispensary or out-patient clinic exclusively for tuberculous is soon to be established.